FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent by Government in improving medical facilities in rural areas in the country during the last two years; and

(b) what is the amount Government propose to spent during the current year in rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The amount released by the Department *al* Family Welfare for implementation of different schemes in rural areas during the last two years is given below:

Ru pees in Crores)

Year	Amount
1990-91	339.97
1991-92	451.93

(b) During the current year, an amount of Rs. 499.03 crores has been allocated.

World Bank assistance for setting up Cancer Treatment Centres in Nor. thern India

4160, SHR SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to provide financial assistance for setting up Cancer Treatment Cen tre in Northern India;

(b) if so, the states which have been identified for the World Bank aid; and

(c) the number of Cancer Treatment Centres proposed to be set up in Northern India particulary in Bihar and in U.P.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of Essential medicines in NDMC Hospitals

4161. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of essential medi cines and functional equipment in the Charak Palika the target hospital under the NDMC so much so that the emergency services are practically non-existent;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the working of the hospital and the circumstances lead ing to such situation; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the measures taken] proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) New Delhi Municipal Committee has reported that Charak Palika Hospital is well equipped with essential medi-cines and functional equipments. Emergency services are also being provided round-the-clock.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.